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1. The Budapest Police Headquarters are located on Deak Ferenc Ter 6/12. The Headquarters are now under the command of police Colonel Sandor Kopacsi and his deputy Police Lt Col Jozsef Star. The latter is at the same time chief of the investigation prison which is located on Todnai Lajos ut (former Conti ut). The Budapest Police Headquarters supervises 22 police districts in Budapest.
2. In 1953 the large insurance building on Deak Ter was adapted for its new purpose as the seat of the police Headquarters. The individual departments and sections are located as following:

A. <u>Ground floor:</u>	Offices of regular police
B. <u>First floor:</u>	Criminal police - section for minor offenses
C. <u>Second floor:</u>	Criminal police for crimes. Several rooms on this floor are occupied by the photo section
D. <u>Third floor:</u>)
E. <u>Fourth floor:</u>)
F. <u>Fifth floor:</u>	Administration offices
G. <u>Sixth floor:</u>	AVH Security police, investigation rooms and arrests
	AVH; in a separated part of this floor the cafeteria for functionaries
3. There are two different kinds of permissions for people who want to enter the Police Headquarters. Only the groundfloor is open to the public. To enter the floors where the police offices are located, permission is needed. Only with a special permission though can you enter the fifth and sixth floors housing the AVH offices.
4. The chief of the photo section of the Headquarters is Police Lt Geza Kovacs. The office is located in rooms 240 to 246 on the second floor of the building. It has about 20 employees. The main tasks of this office are to take pictures of people arrested and to copy documents with the classification unclassified and secret. Top secret documents are handled by a separate AVH photo-shop.
5. The quality of the equipment of the photo section is very good. It uses the following East German and Soviet cameras:

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Two Contax II	on the free market obtainable only second-hand for about six thousand forints
One Leica	on the free market obtainable only second-hand for about seven thousand to eight thousand forints
Six Retina II	on the free market obtainable only second-hand for about four thousand forints
One Robot	not to be obtained on the free market
Four Mikromach	Microfilms camera
Fifteen Kiev	Soviet camera similar to Contax; this model can be bought now in Hungary for 5,500 forints
One Zorki	Soviet Leica model, two different models are on the market: a simple product for 2,200 forints and a better model for 4,400 forints.

A great number of cameras are smuggled into Hungary from East Germany and from the USSR, mainly by Soviet soldiers or their dependents.

6. Photo material is partly produced in Hungary now, mainly by Forte Gyar in Budapest on Vaci ut. This plant is producing films and a number of chemicals. But the quality of the films produced is rather low and for official use East German AGFA films are imported. These films are quite unobtainable on the market. The Hungarian industry is now also producing other photo equipment as, for example, enlargers which are manufactured in the Budapest Gamma plant. The best model, called "Munkom" is sold for 1,650 forints in retail trade. 50X1-HUM
7. Within the police only AVH functionaries have a better standing and belong to a somewhat privileged class. Police functionaries do not have access to special retail shops where members of the AVH can buy almost anything for lower prices and also things that either can not be found or are very scarce on the regular market.

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